

EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Indianapolis, IN

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Indianapolis supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Indianapolis benefits from a wealth of energy resources in surrounding areas, including natural gas and coal. As a result, the area has seen tremendous growth in both commercial and manufacturing industries and in population over the years. Recently, citizens have been moving out of the inner city to the surrounding suburbs, and industries are relocating to follow the workforce. Many of these industries are leaving behind urban sites that are contaminated or perceived to be contaminated. It is estimated that Indianapolis contains approximately 1,000 acres of brownfields.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Indianapolis will use the supplemental assistance to continue its ongoing brownfields revitalization efforts. The fundamental mission of Indianapolis's redevelopment efforts is to revitalize brownfields properties in an economically and socially responsible manner that will enhance the quality of life within Indianapolis. To do this, the city will initiate, facilitate, assist, and encourage projects that community development organizations undertake, while

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Indianapolis, Indiana

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Profile: The Pilot will target a number of sites throughout the city, where redevelopment will have the greatest positive impact on the local community.

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Visit the EPA Region 5 Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
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concurrently working for positive change in surrounding neighborhoods. The city will also encourage private sector participation in brownfields redevelopment by providing financial incentives and assistance, technical assistance, and regulatory consultation.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Use selection criteria to select sites, which have already been identified as having cleanup and redevelopment potential, for assessment, characterization, and investigation (the city will target sites where redevelopment will have the greatest positive impact on the local community.);
- Continue site assessments;
- Solicit community comment about sites subject to pilot assessment work;
- Continue its community outreach activities related to brownfields redevelopment;
- Leverage additional funds for acquisition, cleanup, demolition, and other brownfields redevelopment activities; and
- Work with economic development staff, community development organizations, and members of the Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Group (BRAG) to identify potential end uses for selected sites.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.